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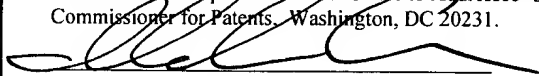
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002 (Paper No. 9). A separate request for a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 as follows:

**--Related Applications**

a'  
This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/153,022 filed on September 3, 1999, incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12 as follows: